



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2019
Third Floor Jury Room, Courthouse Building
12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CJCC exists to promote the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order & Reading of the Mission

Judge Mike Menahan called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Members present: Judge Mike Menahan, Commissioner Susan Good Geise, Steve Hagen, Christin Thennis, Mayor James Schell, Jenny Eck, Leo Gallagher, Suzanne Seburn, and Amanda Opitz for Ana Cortez.

Members excused: Judge Anne Peterson.

Members absent: Justice Michael Swingley, Sheriff Leo Dutton, and Sharon Tregidga.

Others in attendance included: Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, Commissioner Jim McCormick, Judge Kathy Seeley, Curt Chisholm, and Roger Baltz.

Staff in attendance: Kellie McBride and Gloria Soja.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the June 26, 2019 meetings were approved.

3. Legislative Update – Leo Gallagher

Leo Gallagher shared two lists of bills and their status, one from the Montana County Attorneys Association and one from the Attorney General's office. Mr. Gallagher highlighted some of the key changes and answered questions.

4. Correctional Mental Health Conference – Kellie McBride and Leo Gallagher

Kellie McBride and Leo Gallagher presented information about the Correctional Mental Health Conference that they, and several others, had attended regarding planning for the implementation of MAT in Lewis and Clark County Detention. Reviews of the conference were positive and the Lewis and Clark County group will be meeting to finalize plans.

5. Pretrial Service Overview – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride presented an overview of Pretrial Services. Judge Menahan requested information on the percentage of clients assigned to Pretrial Services who do not show up for their initial check in. Curt Chisholm requested information on revocation rates. Gloria Soja explained the process that the Pretrial Officers go through to attempt to locate clients prior to filing violations. Ms. McBride invited Council members to schedule a time to shadow one of the officers.

6. Dashboard Update on Criminal Justice Services – Kellie McBride

Dashboard update was e-mailed out prior to the meeting. No questions were received.

7. Citizens Advisory Committee – Curt Chisholm

Curt Chisholm requested that the Council approve the most recent membership list of the CAC. Current membership of the CAC includes: Curt Chisholm, John Wilkinson, Marshall Gingery, Dennis Taylor, Tom Cordingley, Gene Prendergast, Judy Rolfe, Moffie Funk, Teresa Charlton, Theresa Ortega, Abigail J. St. Lawrence, Carolyn Belling, John Lytle, and Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks. There are currently ten vacancies.

Approval of the amended CAC bylaws was tabled until the next meeting as Council members had not received the drafted amendments. Gloria Soja apologized for this oversight.

Judge Menahan requested that the CAC begin to look at the role the Department of Corrections plays in jail overcrowding (which is a state-wide issue) and suggested that CAC members attend the Law and Justice Interim Committee meetings. Curt Chisholm will visit with Judge Menahan for specifics.

8. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

9. Next Meeting: August 28, 2019

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Minutes approved on August 28, 2019